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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Virginia Historical Society

AT ITS

ANNUAL MEETING

HELD IN THE

HOUSE OF THE SOCIETY

ON APRIL 20, 1920

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Annual Meeting held April 20, 1920

The Annual meeting was held in the Society's House, 707 East Franklin Street, on April 20, 1920, at 4 P. M., with President W. Gordon McCabe in the chair.

The first business of the meeting was the reading of President McCabe's report.

For the first time in many years, this report, always so full of information, of eloquence and of humor, cannot appear. With both hearers and readers it had made a place for itself which was unique, and many who cared little for wholly historical work looked forward eagerly for its appearance.

At this meeting Captain McCabe read only the rough draft of parts of his report. He was so conscientious in his work that he would never complete the report until he had read and reread every page of the Magazine for the year. Delays in printing prevented him from ever seeing the complete Magazine, so his full report was never prepared.

All that can now be done is for the editor of the Magazine to give in brief, dry form, data which our President would have made alive.

Our membership on January 1, 1920 was 702, a loss of 12 from the preceding year. In this connection the writer wishes to pay a hearty tribute to the loyalty of our members.

In spite of long delays in the publication of the Magazine (due to causes beyond the power of the Executive Committee to remedy) almost all of our members showed their devotion to Virginia and Virginia history by refraining from criticism and by prompt payment of dues.

Any general defection during this trying time would, at least, have caused the suspension of the Magazine. Conditions are now better; but we need a hundred or more new members to meet the enormously increased cost of printing.

The President next read, as a part of his report, that of the Treasurer, which was as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Balance in Bank November 30, 1918		$ 319.94
Receipts.		
Annual Dues	$2,905.18	
Life Members	300.00	
Interest	790.10	
Sale of Magazines	126.50	
Sale of Publications	29.00	
From Savings Bank	133.34	4,284.12
		$ 4,604.06
Disbursements.		
Salaries	$1,408.00	
Wages	360.00	
Postage and Express	103.50	
Sundry Bills	157.62	
Books, Stationery and Binding	6.25	
Printing Magazines	1,340.53	
Insurance	22.50	
Repairs	523.16	
Job Printing	87.87	
Checks Returned	10.00	
To Permanent Fund	133.34	
Coal	41.25	
Interest	.30	
		4,194.32
Balance in Bank November 30, 1919		409.74
		$ 4,604.06

PERMANENT FUND.

34 shares of stock in the Citizens Bank of Norfolk, Va., estimated value	$ 6,800.00
Real estate (6%) mortgages, $1,000.00 $4,500.00	5,500.00
U. S. Liberty Bonds (3½ and 4¼%)	1,600.00
In Savings Bank	1,917.98
	$15,817.98

In accordance with an order of the Executive Committee, the Treasurer presents the following tabulated statement showing the sources from which the Permanent Fund is derived. What is termed the "Society's Fund" comprises the amount the Committee has been able to save from year to year of the ordinary revenues of the Society.

The Virginia Sturdivant McCabe Fund, given by the President of the Society in loving memory of his granddaughter, Virginia Sturdivant McCabe, born February 1, 1906, died August 11, 1919	$ 500.00
The Jane Pleasants Harrison Osborne McCabe Fund, given by the President of the Society in loving memory of his wife, Jane Pleasants Harrison Osborne McCabe, who died November 22, 1912	500.00
The Edmund Osborne McCabe Fund, established in loving memory of Edmund Osborne McCabe (born February 29, 1868, died June 5, 1919), from a bequest left by his devoted mother, Jane Pleasants Harrison Osborne McCabe	500.00
Gift by a member of the Society	500.00
Daughters of the American Revolution Fund	100.00
Byam K. Stevens Fund	750.00
Edward Wilson James Fund	5,567.22
Society's Fund	7,400.00
	$15,817.98

During the past year the Citizens Bank of Norfolk declared a stock dividend of one new share for three old. Under this distribution the Society became entitled to 8 1/3 shares, and bought 2/3 of a share, thus adding nine shares to our previous holdings in that stock .

This is an increase of the Permanent Fund of $2,700.56 over last year. It has been necessary for the Society, in case of extensive repairs to the house costing more than could be paid of the current receipts, to have such repairs made out of the Permanent

Fund. Last year it was necessary to spend $500.00 in making the janitor's quarters habitable. The Committee authorized the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, if necessary to meet current expenses, to spend $500.00 from the amount in the Savings Bank. As we have not been able to issue, and consequently have not had to pay for, any magazines since last July, this money has not been called for, but it probably will be, so at present the net amount of the Permanent Fund, not already invested and available for investment is $15,317.98. The Finance Committee is awaiting information in regard to certain rumored additions to the Fund, before making a new investment.

If bookkeeping entries relating to the Permanent Fund are deducted it will be seen that the receipts during the last fiscal year were about $150.00 more than during the year before, and the expenditures, in spite of the great increase in prices, were $258.00 less. This is in part accounted for by the rigid economy practised and in part by the fact, before stated, that on account of printing troubles we have not been able to publish or pay for any magazines since July, 1919. The magazines are now under way and at an early date will call for considerable disbursements.

The financial condition of the Society, when conditions are considered, is very gratifying.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. LANCASTER, JR.,
Treasurer.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The additions to the Library in books and pamphlets in 1919 number five hundred and sixty-five (565).

The donors, to whom, as well as to others who have made presents to the Society, our grateful thanks are given, were: Armistead C. Gordon, Robert L. Preston, Prof. W. McNeile Dixon, W. A. Gordon, Jr., John T. Boddie, John C. Collins, O. W. Baylor, Richard C. Jones (Virginia State Forester), Major John D. Guthrie, U. S. A., Judge N. S. Barratt, Mrs. J. A. Johnston, Willis T. Hanson, Jr., Miss Catherine Evans, George Taylor Lee, Dr. J. F. Jameson, P. H. Baskervill, Dr. H. J. Eckenrode, E. A. Hankins, Philip T. Brown, G. C. Callahan, Miss Julia S. Wooldridge, Boutwell Dunlap, M. M. Haywood, Fairfax Harrison, W. Gordon McCabe, Mrs. W. Gordon McCabe, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Library

of Congress, Mass. Commission on Public Records, Illinois Centennial Commission, American Hellenic Society, U. S. War Department, Jewish War History Committee, Richmond Times-Dispatch, Virginia Bar Association, American Bar Association, U. S. Council of National Defense, University of Illinois, Grand Lodge of Masons of Penna., University of Oklahoma, University of California, Smithsonian Institute.

Gifts.

Three volumes, Blackstone's Commentaries, Oxford, 1770, with autographs of Francis Lightfoot Lee, and book stamp of Arthur Lee. Presented by Milo P. Smith, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Photograph of portrait of Washington by Stuart, now at West Point, N. Y. Presented by Major A. E. Potts, U. S. A.

A package of manuscripts, clippings, etc. Presented by Miss L. Peyton, The Plains, Va.

Photostat copies of the Virginia Quit Rent Rolls 1704 (the only one known to exist), 98 sheets. Presented by a member of the Society.

A dressed wax doll and a dressed rag doll (in the costume of the period) over a hundred years old. Presented by Mrs. Wm. Wirt Henry, 812 Seminary Ave., Richmond, Va.

A saucer formerly belonging to the Grymes family of Brandon, Middlesex County, Va. Presented by C. C. Chowning, Urbana, Va.

Framed photograph of Capt. Wilson Miles Cary (many of whose valuable papers are now in our collection). Presented by Fairfax Harrison, Belvoir, Va.

Publications.

The great delay in the publication of the Magazine was due entirely to the impossibility of having printing done. In each case the copy for the Magazine was placed in the hands of the printer (or printers, for we had more than one), in ample time, but in each case they were compelled to take months in

completing work which ordinarily would have been done in a few weeks. Vol. XXVII of the Magazine was not completed during 1919, but now has been. A double number (July-October, 1919) was published in 1920. We were not able to publish the index for this volume until the April 1920 number, which was issued late in 1920. Conditions are now improving in regard to printing facilities but the cost of printing and paper has increased so greatly that it will be necessary for us to raise six or seven hundred dollars more than usual this year and next.

The Executive Committee has decided not to raise the dues or materially reduce the size of the Magazine. To meet the need, an earnest effort will be made to obtain at least one hundred and twenty-five new members. All of our present members are asked to aid us.

Our late President's report called particular attention to the departments of the Magazine entitled "Roll of Honor" and "War Notes". These began in July, 1918, and ended in July-October, 1919. The first contains a list of Virginia's dead during the war, and the other an account of honors received, with personal notices, etc. During the period stated we printed, under these two heads, 217 pages.

NECROLOGY.

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Whether we regard high character, distinguished service and devotion to the objects sought by this Society, or whether we count numbers lost from our roll of members, it can be said that rarely or never have we had a year with so much cause of sincere regret.

At the close of President McCabe's report he stated that the election of officers and members of the Executive Committee was next in order.

On motion, a nominating committee was appointed. The committee retired and on its return recommended the following gentlemen for election. The vote was taken and officers and members of the Executive Committee, as follows, were elected:

President—W. Gordon McCabe, Richmond.

Vice-Presidents—Edward V. Valentine, Richmond; Lyon G. Tyler, Charles City County; Philip A. Bruce, University.

Recording Secretary—David C. Richardson, Richmond.

Treasurer—Robert A. Lancaster, Jr., Richmond.

Corresponding Secretary and Librarian—William G. Stanard, Richmond.

Executive Committee—Charles V. Meredith, Richmond; Armistead C. Gordon, Staunton; S. A. Longe, Norfolk; Daniel Grinnan, Richmond; William A. Anderson, Lexing-

ton; Fairfax Harrison, Fauquier County; J. Stewart Bryan, Richmond; S. S. P. Patteson, Richmond; William H. Palmer, Richmond; John P. McGuire, Richmond; Morgan P. Robinson, Richmond; J. Jordan Leake, Richmond.

After the election of members there was an informal discussion of various subjects of interest to the Society, and then on motion, the meeting adjourned.